**Sketch Connections**

1. Think about the text you are reading and choose something or somebody that interests you and makes you thing about something you know.

**Tip:** If you are reading a non-fiction book, you may select a piece of interesting information that makes you think about connections to something you know. If you are reading a fiction book, you may choose a character, event, setting, problem or resolution that reminds you of somebody or something you have experienced.

1. Draw your interesting character, event, or information in the middle of a blank piece of paper. Leave room around the edge for you to add connections.

**Tip:** You will need to keep referring to the book to reread the information to make sure you included all the details you need in your drawing.

1. Draw lines from your central drawing and add your connections. You can draw and label your connections, or write them, or a combination of both.

**Tip:** Some of these prompts may help you:

* What does this remind me of? or Who does this person remind me of?
* Have I seen or heard of anything (or anybody) like this before?
* This makes me think of …….

**Example:**



This makes me think of the book The Emperor’s Egg. I read it when I wrote my report about Penguins

This story reminds me of my uncle. He likes to hold my baby cousin, Sarah (but not on his feet!)

I saw a picture of father penguins holding their eggs on their feet in a science magazine.

1. If you are having a group discussion, take your drawing and connections along so that you can discuss them with the group members.